FISCAL NOTE

SB 137 - HB 200

February 6, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases punishment for first offense stalking from Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony; increases punishment for second offense involving any victim from a Class E felony to a Class D felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$549,100/Incarceration*

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000 Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- 100 convictions elevated from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for first offense stalking.
- 4 convictions elevated from a Class E felony to a Class D felony for second offense stalking.
- Sentences based upon standard Range I offender requiring 30% of minimum sentence to be served.
- Local government expenditures for incarceration and revenues from fines will decrease when first offense is elevated from a misdemeanor to a felony offense.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jam W. White

James W. White, Executive Director